Moran to Hold Tenth Annual Conservation Tour
Tour Will Focus on Maintaining Quality of Kansas Environment
HUTCHINSON – Congressman Jerry Moran will hold his 10th annual conservation tour on Monday, September 20, 2010, to learn more about conservation efforts in Kansas. This year's "Partners in Conservation" tour focuses on the livestock industry and will feature stops in Douglas, Wabaunsee, Geary and Riley counties. Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins will join Moran on the tour.
"Conserving our natural resources is critical to preserving Kansas for the next generation," Moran said. "The conservation tour gives me the opportunity to learn how producers, conservation groups and government programs are partnering together to ensure the future of successful production in Kansas, while maintaining and improving the environment."
"Farmers and ranchers are tremendous stewards of our land and natural resources," Jenkins said. "I look forward to getting another first-hand view of how Kansas farmers and ranchers are working with each other, with federal, state and local governments and with other organizations

to conserve land and vital natural resources and to continuously improve their conservation practices."
Since coming to Congress, Moran has held regular tours across Kansas to observe conservation practices at work. This year's tour will focus on a variety of conservation practices important to the Kansas livestock industry, including the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP), the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP), as well as smoke management. Presentations at each site will feature the landowner and the Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationist.
This year's guest is Dave White, Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Washington, DC. Local guests will include: Kansas State Conservationist Eric Banks, and Kansas State Farm Service Agency Executive Director, Adrian Polansky.
The tour is open to members of the press and anyone else interested in attending. The schedule is as follows:

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Monday, September 20, 2010
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.□ Opening Remarks and Introductions
Congressmen Jerry Moren
Congressman Jerry Moran
Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins
Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Eric B. Banks, State Conservationist, NRCS

(Directions: From I-70, take Lecompton Exit197. Turn South on Hwy 10 and drive approximately 8 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 59, drive South for 2 miles and turn East on N1000. Drive 1 mile until you reach the asphalt road, and then turn North and drive for approximately ½ mile. There will be a small pasture opening on the East side of the road marked with reflectors.)

8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

**Douglas County Tour stop** 

John Bradley Ranch

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. EQIP- Ag Waste

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Barth Crouch, Playa Lakes Joint Venture

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2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	
Geary County Tour stop	
Poland Brothers Ranch	

Alan Pollom, Nature Conservancy State Director
(Directions: From I-70, take exit 295. Drive South of I-70 on Hwy 77 for 3 miles. Turn right onto Lyons Creek Road. Drive for 1 mile, turn Right on Poland Road. Drive 2 miles to Latzke Rd, then turn left and drive ½ mile South. Pasture will be on your right.)
4:00 − 5:00 p.m. Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP)
Geary County Tour stop
Moyer Ranch
Jason Fizell, Kansas Joint Land Trust
(Directions: From I-70, take exit 304. Drive South of I-70 on Humbolt Rd for approximately 4 miles. Turn left on Simpson Ranch Rd, then drive East for approx 2 miles. Pasture will be on your left.)

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5:15 – 5:45 p.m.□ Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) Buffers and Incidental Grazing
Riley County Tour stop
Charlie Lee Ranch
Barth Crouch, Playa Lakes Joint Venture
(Directions: From Moyer Ranch, Continue East on Simpson Ranch Rd for 2.5 miles. Turn left of McDowell Creek Rd and drive approximately 5 miles. If you come from I-70, take exit 307. Driv North of I-70 on McDowell Creek Rd for approx. 2.5 miles. Field will be on your right.)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.□ Patch Burning and Smoke Management
Konza Prairie Biological Station
100 Konza Prairie Lane
Brian Obermeyer, The Nature Conservancy
Dr. John Blair, KSU Biology Department
(Directions: Drive 2 miles North from previous tour stop. Turn right onto Konza Prairie Lane. If you come from I-70, take e xit 307 onto McDowell Creek Road. Drive 4.5 miles North on McDowell Creek Road and turn right onto Konza Prairie Lane.)
Overnight Lodging
Konza Prairie Biological Station

100 Konza Prairie Lane

The Konza has limited space available for those interested in staying at the lodge. Lodging at Konza is on a first come first serve basis and can be arranged that evening for private and bunkhouse style rooms. Prices range from \$14-25 per person.

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